



Building Inspectors Association Northeastern Wisconsin

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Call to Order- President Dennis Jensen called the meeting to order at 8:30AM with 30 members in attendance.

Member Introductions- Members introduced themselves.

Reminders/Updates:

) Dennis Jensen ordered the books for the ICC class.

JF Ahern onsite speakers: Wade Lenz, Matthew Zimmerman & Mike Fobs

Fire protection, fire suppression & fire alarm topics discussed:

) Different piping systems.

Wet Pipe System (system piping is always filled with water and is the most commonly used system), Dry Pipe System (system piping is filled with air pressure and the water is activated by sensors), Preaction System (system piping filled with air and a separate detection system is required to actuate the valve), Deluge System (system piping is filled with water and has all sprinklers that are open), Foam system (system can be part of a wet, dry or preaction system)

) Discussion of storage occupancies. Determine the commodity classification (Use 2013 NFPA 13, Chapter 3)

) Owner's Information Certificate. Ask for attachment "A" for storage over 12' in height. It will list the following information...the area, storage arrangement, commodity classification, storage height, type of storage racks, width of rack aisles and the design standards for the system.

) Clean agent fire suppression systems which are mostly used in server rooms. These systems need to be tested to make sure the products are not leaking and the rooms need to be air sealed.

- J Review requirements under SPS 361.30.
 - o Alterations or additions to existing sprinkler systems or fire alarm systems where 20 or fewer sprinkler heads or fire alarm devices are involved do not need to be reviewed by DSPS.
 - o Paint booths need to be submitted for review if it's a new system (even if less than 20 heads).
 - o New systems with 15 heads or more must be reviewed by DSPS.
- J 20 PSI minimum for the design of the suppression system.
- J Standpipe systems (Automatic wet, manual wet, automatic dry, manual dry). By code a standpipe system is determined by the buildings height. Typically, per code it's required if the building height is 75' above the lowest fire department access.
- J We should verify with the designer if the sprinkler piping goes around beams and is not shown on the plan. This is especially important in warehouse buildings or buildings where they have higher flow requirements.
- J When to use NFPA 13R systems vs NFPA 13 systems.
- J All sprinkler systems need to be monitored. Fire Alarm panels can monitor the sprinkler systems.
- J Mike stated that all the codes are now available online for free. He urged us to go to the websites and utilize the free resources.
- J Discussion on occupancy types and IBC Chapter 9, 907 Fire alarm and detection systems.
- J If there's less than 20 devices for the fire alarm system you do not need to submit to DSPS for review.
- J If you're replacing a fire alarm panel it's considered a level 2 alteration and has to be submitted to DSPS for review. You are still allowed to repair a panel without review.
- J Discussion on monitoring problems with the methods of communication. They're pursuing different communication types due to the possibility of telephone lines being eliminated.
- J Every fire alarm detection system has to have an annual test completed by a third party. The owner or designated representative is responsible for obtaining the test.
- J Duct detectors need to be tested with smoke. The magnet is only for testing the wiring to the panel but does not test the detector.

Recess for lunch

Business meeting – Called to order 1:20pm (No additions or amendments to the agenda were noted)

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made to approve the 8/2/19 minutes with a correction. The minutes should read October ICC class instead of the November ICC class which was listed in the minutes. The motion received a second and carried.

Treasurers Report- No treasures report provided

Committee Reports:

Executive - Nothing to report

By-laws - Nothing to report

Code Coordinating- Dennis Jensen stated that we are no longer receiving email blasts from DSPS. It was noted that DSPS is trying to hire UDC code consultants. It was also noted that DSPS is planning on implementing the the plumbing changes for 2020.

Information & Schooling – John Zarate stated the October meeting will be ICC training on accessibility. The October meeting will start at 8am. The doors will be open at 7:30am. The November meeting will be a round table discussion and the December meeting will be the annual meeting. John is still looking for a speaker.

Publicity & Historian - Nothing to report

Registration Coordinator- Dennis Jensen stated the dates are set for the Winter Updates. DSPS will now pay for the mailing and postage for this training with the understanding that DSPS employees (plan reviewers and inspectors) will not be charged for attending the conference and they will not charge us for speaking. Dennis is looking for 3 volunteers for a code panel. Please contact Dennis if you're interested.

Monday February 17, 2020.....Commercial Electrical, Plumbing

Tuesday February 18, 2020.....1&2 Family Electrical

Wednesday February 19, 2020....Uniform Dwelling Code

Thursday February 20, 2020.....Commercial Building Code

Website Coordinator- Nothing to report.

Sunshine- Nothing to

Old Business: Nothing

New Business:

It was noted that there are not a lot of training opportunities for hvac credits. Dennis mentioned that he has approval for a 2-hour course that we could put on in the future.

Discussion on the Annual Meeting. If anyone has ideas let John Zarate or Nicole Krahn know. We're thinking of having it at the Marq again this year.

Discussion on the meet and greet letter that was sent out from David Linz. It was noted that the meet and greets are a good opportunity for communication between DSPS and our members. It was noted that the next one is scheduled for September 23rd in Green Bay.

It was noted that members still haven't received their hours for the ICC class from September of 2018. We will need to follow up on this as it's been a year and we've had numerous complaints from attendees. Please make sure you save your pink slips for CEU's as the new esla system from DSPS does not record where the credentials are being obtained from.

Roundtable:

Adjournment- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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